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Subject: Request for information on long-line catches in West Indian Ocean

Dear Dr Standing,

I refer to the above request for information, which you sent to Mr Spezzani of this Unit on December 11 last, and I am pleased to provide you with the following information from our catch records.

You will note from the attached table, that there have been no reported catches from Mauritius, as the Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) between the EU and Mauritius was only concluded in 2012, and there were no reported catches in the context of the fisheries agreement.

As regards the Seychelles, there were no reported catches from long-line vessels under this agreement in either 2010 or 2011, as due to the continued threat to fishing operations posed by piracy, EU long-line vessels have not operated in the Seychelles EEZ under the FPA between the EU and the Seychelles.

I hope that this information satisfies your needs.

Yours sincerely,


Roberto Cesari
Head of Unit

**Catches (mT) of EU Longline Fleet
in Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique
and the Seychelles in 2009, 2010 and 2011**

Year	Member State	Madagascar					Mauritius					Mozambique					Seychelles				
		Tunas	Non-Tunas	Sharks	Bilfish	Total	Tunas	Non-Tunas	Sharks	Bilfish	Total	Tunas	Non-Tunas	Sharks	Bilfish	Total	Tunas	Non-Tunas	Sharks	Bilfish	Total
2009	Spain	79,75	8,79	153,98	304,69	547,21						180,66	3,26	329,92	826,94	1340,78	13,76			13,59	27,35
	France	545,18	100,69	6,05	413,96	1065,88															
	Portugal											5,3	1,9	56,7	115,9	179,8					
2010	Spain	8,58	25,55	95,76	193,83	323,72						281,3	90,84	533,37	912,46	1817,97					
	France	466,7	100,02	10,86	553,15	1130,73															
	Portugal	18,8	2	53,7	63,1	137,6						32,7	6	64	111,2	213,9					
2011	Spain	13,98	17,97	152,13	210,94	395,02						58,15	20,45	253,85	310,05	642,5					
	France	331,48	134,94	1,6	329,43	797,45															
	Portugal	17	1	14,6	47	79,6								1,5	1,3	2,8					